

Remarks

Applicant has amended FIG. 2A, the written specification, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10 and 11, cancelled claim 6 and added new claim 14. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter was added by the amendment, as all of the amended matter was either previously illustrated or described in the drawings, written specification and/or claims of the present application. Entry of the amendment and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

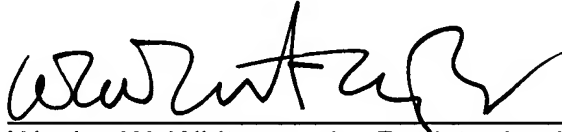
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner has further rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,070 to Pantelakis et al. ("the '070 patent"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant has amended FIG. 2A in response to the examiner's 37 CFR 1.83(a) objection. Applicant submits that no new matter was added by this amendment as an amplifier circuit was originally disclosed when the application was filed. Applicant has further amended claims 1-5 and 7-13 to address the examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections.

Amended claim 1 and new claim 15 both require a first and second transmission gate driven by a first output signal and a second output signal from an amplifier device respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that the '070 patent does not teach, disclose or suggest a level shifter that utilizes a first and second transmission gate, nor does the '070 patent teach that first and second transmission gates are driven by the first and second output signal respectively. Rather the '070 patent teaches direct transmission of differential output signals from inverters. (Col 6 lines 10-12 and 21-23; Col 7 lines 24-29). Applicant further submits that the '070 patent further fails to teach, disclose or suggest combining outputs from the first and second transmission gates to form the second signal as required by claim 15.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-15, all of the claims remaining in the application, are in order for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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